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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Briefing of the Secretary of State

1. On 2 September 1958 General Cabell briefed the Secretary of State on CHALICE matters. Mr. Hugh Cumming and the undersigned attended the meeting.

a. Northern USSR Mission. General Cabell outlined the proposed route for an overflight into northern Russia along the railroad from Polyarnyy Ural to Kotlas. It was pointed out that penetration would be made on a southerly heading from the Arctic; that the mission would be a rather shallow penetration; that the area was strongly suspected as being developed for an ICBM operational launching area. Further, that the U.S. had no definite knowledge of what a USSR operational launching site looked like, and that photos during the development stage would yield invaluable information concerning the technical progress and missile capability of the USSR. He advised that the President had approved this mission subject to receipt of clearance from the Secretary of State. After some discussion, the Secretary advised that he had no objection to the proposed mission.

b. Results of China Mission. General Cabell then stated that the first sortie approved for overflight of Communist China had been highly successful. He showed the Secretary the route flown and ChiCom reaction with regard to radar and fighters. Five typical pictures were then shown and some of the significant intelligence resulting from this sortie was discussed. General Cabell advised that the President had previously approved a second Chinese sortie to the North, but thus far weather had precluded its accomplishment. Further, the President approved shallow tactical overflights of China at the rate of one every 10 days. Although the President had not made his approval of these tactical flights contingent upon the approval of the Secretary of State, General Cabell felt that, of course, the Secretary could reopen that question if he wished. The Secretary interposed no objection to these missions.



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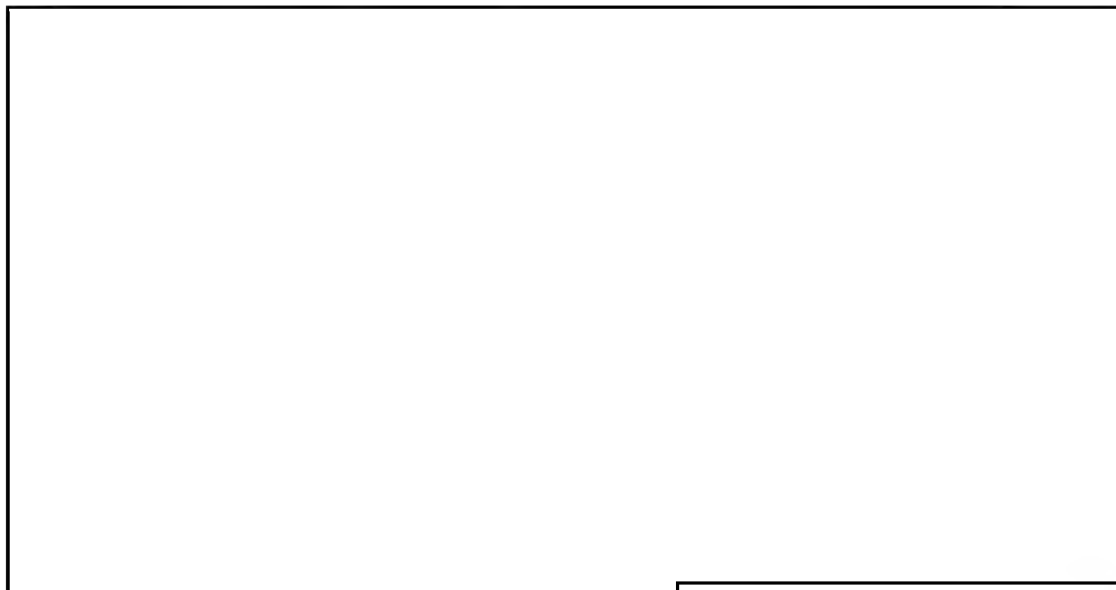
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